Import of Sugar

3433. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the rates at which sugar was imported during the last three years alongwith the names of the countries from which imported; and

(b) the period upto which each such agreement is valid?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) During the last three sugar seasons, a quantity of 2,41,750 tonnes of sugar was imported in 1989-90 season from the People's Republic of China, Malaysia and Thailand in the price range of Rs. 8805.49 to 8848.37 per tonne.

(b) All the agreements entered into with the suppliers were valid upto 20.10.1989.

[*English*]

Satellite Link to Southern Region for Software Export

3434. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide satellite link to southern region for software export; and

(b) if so, the time by which such facility is proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). The Department of Electronics is providing data communication facilities in Southern region through Software Technology Parks located at Bangalore, Hyderabad and Thiruvananthapuram for 100% export of Computer Software. The data communication facilities upto 9.6 KB per second for these parks are being provided by Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL).

It has also been decided to provide high speed data communication facility through Satellite at 64KB per second speed at Bangalore and Hyderabad. This is expected to be available by the end of 1992.

[*Translation*]

Revision of Pay-Scale of Upper Division Clerks

3435. SHRI BAL RAJ PASSI:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have revised the pay-scale of Assistants and Stenographers from Rs. 1400-2600 to Rs. 1640-2900;

(b) whether the Government have received representations to revise the pay-scale of upper Division Clerks; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINSTER OF STATEIN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS(SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir; for the posts of Assistants in the Central Secretariat Service and Stenographers Grade 'C' of the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service and certain other comparable grades, who were in the pay scale of Rs. 425-800 prior to 1.1.1986, the revised scale of Rs. 1640-